Adequacy of mechanisms in place to ensure that:

- all members have appropriate access to shared resources, participate in scientific programs, and may assume leadership positions in the center, even if partner institutions are geographically dispersed
- → shared resources and scientific programs; could also be reflected in organizational capabilities
- differences can be resolved among partner institutions
- → organizational capabilities
- a single Protocol Review and Monitoring System governs cancer clinical trial protocols across all the partner institutions
- → Protocol Review and Monitoring System
- a single Data and Safety Monitoring plan governs all clinical trial protocols across partner institutions
- → Data and Safety Monitoring
- an integrated recruitment process ensures that strategic goals of the center are being met
- \rightarrow organizational capabilities
- benefits of clinical research are uniformly available across all partner institutions
- \rightarrow organizational capabilities
- research is integrated across partner institutions as evidenced by programmatic structure and objectives, joint publications and grants, and other transdisciplinary, cross institutional activities
- → scientific programs, inter/transdisciplinary collaboration and coordination
- the partnership is stable, as evidenced by a history of research collaboration, joint publications and grants, and the provisions of formalized legal agreements
- → institutional commitment, inter/transdisciplinary collaboration and coordination
- the center director has authority
- over all shared resources in collaborating institutions
- to integrate scientists from all partner institutions into scientific programs of the center
- → center director, institutional commitment, organizational capabilities
- for collaborators, access to all cancer-relevant science within their institutions
- → institutional commitment, organizational capabilities